

## II. REMARKS

This response is being timely filed, as it is being filed with a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month, along with an authorization to charge the requisite fee. After entry of this amendment, claims 66-100 will be pending in this application, and were indicated as allowed in the official action. The applicants have cancelled claims 102-108 without prejudice.

Claims 102-108 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lee *et al.*, *Nucleic Acids Research*, 21(16), pp. 3761-3766 (1993). Because those claims have been cancelled, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot, and request that it be withdrawn.

Since all remaining claims in this application are allowed, the applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance. If any questions arise, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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